



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Date: October 27, 2003

In re application of: Hickman *et al.*
Serial No. 09/880,138
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For: BIOSENSOR FOR USE IN TOXICITY ASSESSMENT AND
PHARMACOLOGICAL SCREENING
Examiner: Sullivan, Daniel M.
Unit: 1636
Confirmation No.: 5733

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION (re election of species)

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in Response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2003, for the above-captioned patent application. This response is submitted on or before October 27, 2003 (October 25, 2003 being a Saturday, and October 26, 2003, being a Sunday), together with a request for a two (2)-month extension of time, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1). In connection with the above-captioned application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the following remarks.